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## **Important notice to applicants for the following permits:**

Discharge Permit for Oil Facility  
Industrial Groundwater Discharge Permit  
Sewage Sludge Permanent Facility Permit  
Groundwater Discharge Permit for Rubble Landfill  
NPDES Industrial Surface Water Discharge Permit  
Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Permit  
Air Quality Permit to Construct that requires expanded public review

## **About the Maryland Department of the Environment's Predictable Permitting Services Program**

As part of its ongoing effort to improve service to permitting customers, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has established the Predictable Permitting Services Program in accordance with §1-607 of the Environment Article. As an applicant for one of the permits listed above, you are eligible to participate in this program. Here's how it works: Upon its determination that your application is complete, MDE will respond to any requests by providing a date by which you can expect a tentative determination to be published, barring delays beyond the department's control. Please note that a tentative determination is not a permit. The length of time between MDE's publication of a tentative determination and the issuance of the permit depends on the extent of public interest in the permit application. If MDE fails to publish the tentative determination by the date promised, and if the delay was the department's fault, all or part of the permit application fee will be refunded.

Please keep in mind that unfortunately, many permit delays are caused by factors beyond MDE's control. Ask your MDE permit writer about ways to minimize these delays. These factors include:

- Reviews and approvals by federal, local, or other state agencies;
- Requirements for public participation; and
- Delays in receiving information needed from permit applicants.

To participate in this program, include a written request for an estimated tentative determination time with the permit application. Applicants should be assured that an application will be handled as expeditiously as possible, and does not depend on participation in the program. MDE is committed to providing all applicants with excellent permitting services. This program highlights the department's commitment to providing predictable, common sense permitting services. For more information, call your MDE permit writer or the Environmental Permits Service Center at 410-537-3772.

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